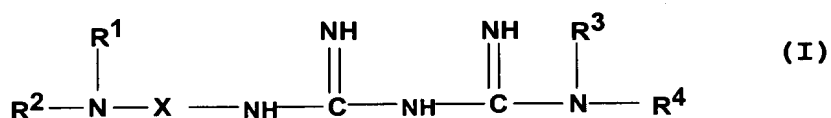


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 9 and 10 as indicated below. The text and status of all of the claims following entry of these amendments will be as follows:

Claims 1-8 (previously cancelled)

Claim 9 (currently amended) A compound of the following formula:



wherein:

R^1 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl (C_1 to C_{20}), aminoalkyl (C_1 to C_{20}) and cycloalkyl (C_3 to C_{20});

R^2 , R^3 and R^4 are the same or different and are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl (C_1 to C_{20}), aminoalkyl (C_1 to C_{20}) and cycloalkyl (C_3 to C_{20});

R^4 is selected from the group consisting of alkyl (C_1 to C_{20}), aminoalkyl (C_1 to C_{20}) and cycloalkyl (C_3 to C_{20}); and

X is selected from the group consisting of alkyl (C_2 to C_{10}) and alkyl (C_2 to C_{10}) substituted with cycloalkyl (C_3 to C_{20});

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 10 (currently amended) A compound according to Claim 9, wherein R^1 is alkyl (C_1 to C_{20}), and R^2 , R^3 and R^4 are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and alkyl (C_1 to C_{20}).

Claim 11 (previously amended) A compound according to Claim 9, wherein X is propyl, R^1 is methyl, R^2 is dodecyl, R^3 is hydrogen, and R^4 is selected from the group consisting of 1,4-dimethylpentyl, heptyl, decyl and N-methyl-N-dodecyl amino propyl.

Claim 12 (previously amended) A compound according to Claim 9, wherein R^1 is methyl, R^2 is dodecyl, R^3 is hydrogen, R^4 is 1,4-dimethylpentyl, and X is propyl.

Claims 13-19 (previously cancelled)